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(TL:VISA-301; 07-30-2001)

## RECIPROCITY

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Class	Fee	No. Applications	Validity
A-1	[A]	[A]	[A]
A-2	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
A-3 [1]	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
B-1	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
B-2	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
B-1/B-2	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
C-1	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
C-1/D	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
C-2	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
C-3	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
D	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
E-1 [2]	[B]	[B]	[B]
E-2 [2]	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
F-1	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
F-2	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
G-1	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
G-2	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
G-3	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
G-4	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
G-5 [1]	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
H-1B	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
H-1C	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
H-2A	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
H-2B	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
H-3	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
H-4	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
I	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
J-1 [4]	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
J-2 [4]	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
K-1	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
K-2	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
K-3	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
K-4	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
L-1	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
L-2	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
M-1	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
M-2	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
N-8	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
N-9	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
NATO 1-7	N/A	N/A	N/A
O-1	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
O-2	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
O-3	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]

P-1	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
P-2	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
P-3	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
P-4	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
Q-1 [6]	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
R-1	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
R-2	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
S-5 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
S-6 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
S-7 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
TD [5]	N/A	N/A	N/A
V-1	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
V-2	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [8]
V-3	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [8]

(A) Diplomatic relations with Iran were severed on April 7, 1980.

(B) With certain exceptions pertaining to personal communications, humanitarian assistance, information exchange and personal travel arrangements, all trade with Iran was banned pursuant to an executive order of May 8, 1995. Consequently, the issuance of virtually all E-1 visas to nationals of Iran is prohibited.

## **SPECIAL CLEARANCE AND ISSUANCE PROCEDURES**

*(TL:VISA-218; 11-24-2000)*

### **Modification of name check requirements for certain Iranian visa applicants.**

Please Note: The following information is necessary for all Iranian visa applicants who require special clearances:

- (1) Date and place of birth;
- (2) Occupation;
- (3) Purpose of trip to the United States;
- (4) Planned port of entry and exit;
- (5) Planned place of residence; and
- (6) Point of contact in the United States.

Failure to furnish this information may result in delays in Security Advisory Opinion (SAO) processing.

## **OFFICIAL TRAVEL**

### **VISAS BEAR Security Advisory Opinion Requests**

*(TL:VISA-218; 11-24-2000)*

A VISAS BEAR telegram must be submitted for all Iranian A, C-3, and G visa applicants. Once a VISAS BEAR advisory opinion has been requested, the Department's response is required prior to visa issuance.

## **NONOFFICIAL TRAVEL**

### **VISAS DONKEY Security Advisory Opinion Requests**

*(TL:VISA-287; 05-29-2001)*

VISAS DONKEY Security Advisory Opinion request telegrams must be submitted for the following classes of Iranian immigrant and non-immigrant visa applicants, in addition to those individuals who otherwise require Security Advisory Opinions, such as DPT-00 entries and those possibly ineligible under INA 212(a)(3):

(1) Officials and employees of the Iranian Government, including the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Branches. If applicants are affiliated with the Government of Iran, they must explain their specific connection as well as their U.S. travel plans. The names and addresses of U.S. points of contact are necessary in order to determine the admissibility of the applicants;

(2) Officers and employees of state-owned or state-controlled companies. If applicants are requesting B-1 visas, the cable should include details about the applicant's business in Iran, proposed U.S. business dealings, the name and address of U.S. firms involved, and the end use and final destination of any U.S. goods. This information is important in order to enforce trade sanctions and to identify people who may be providing material and financial support to terrorism;

(3) Lawyers connected to the Iranian Claims Tribunal in The Hague.

(4) Iranians who are known or believed to be religious leaders. If applicants are clerics they must explain their specific connection as well as their U.S. travel plans. The names and addresses of U.S. points of contact are necessary in order to determine the admissibility of the applicants; and

(5) Employees of the Islamic Republic News Agency.

## **VISAS DONKEY MANTIS Security Advisory Opinion**

*(TL:VISA-287; 05-29-2001)*

VISAS DONKEY MANTIS Security advisory opinion telegrams must be submitted for Iranians involved in any aspect of the field of nuclear technology, including employees of nuclear industries, graduate-level students in the nuclear field, and persons coming for nuclear-related seminars, conferences, and exchanges. DONKEY MANTIS cables must provide full names, addresses and phone numbers of sponsoring individuals and institutions and contacts in the United States.

DONKEY MANTIS cables for F, J, or M visas in the nuclear field should state:

- (1) The proposed course of study;
- (2) Name of school; and

(3) The source of funds. If funding is provided by U.S. relatives, names and addresses of the relatives must also be furnished. Information on the student's future employment in Iran, particularly with the Government of Iran, is very important in determining eligibility under security-related sections of the Immigration and Nationality Act. (INA).

Once a VISAS DONKEY or VISAS DONKEY MANTIS advisory opinion has been requested, the Department's response is required prior to visa issuance.

## **VISAS EAGLE Name Check Requests**

*(TL:VISA-287; 05-29-2001)*

A VISAS EAGLE telegram must be submitted for the following categories of Iranian visa applicants, unless they fall under any of the conditions for Visas BEAR, DONKEY or DONKEY MANTIS cables as stated above. Posts may process VISAS EAGLE cases to conclusion if no adverse information is received within 30 calendar days of transmission of the cable. Iranian VISAS EAGLE name checks are valid for one year from date of issuance. The initial visa issued and all subsequent visas issued during that one-year period must be annotated with the date and cable number of the most recent VISAS EAGLE name check.

## **Non-immigrant Visa Applicants**

*(TL:VISA-287; 05-29-2001)*

All males between the ages of 18 and 60 who are residing in Iran. For purposes of these procedures, all Iranian applicants shall be considered to be residents of Iran, regardless of where they are currently living and applying for their visas, unless they can establish that they have the equivalent of lawful permanent residence status in another country, and in fact, reside in that country. If it is not possible to determine an applicant's resident status definitely, the applicant shall be treated as a resident of Iran for the purposes of these procedures.

All Iranians who have been students in the U.S. at any time since 1977, or who plan to study or continue studies in the U.S., regardless of their Iranian residency status. (Graduate level students in the nuclear field must be cleared via the DONKEY MANTIS procedure, as described above). EAGLE CABLES for F, J, or M visas should state:

- (1) The proposed course of study;
- (2) The name of school; and
- (3) The source of funds.

If funding is provided by U.S. relatives, names and addresses of the relatives must also be furnished. Information on the student's future employment in Iran, particularly with the Government of Iran, is very important in determining eligibility under security sanctions of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

## **Immigrant Visa Applicants**

*(TL:VISA-218; 11-24-2000)*

A VISAS EAGLE (Iran) must be submitted for:

- (1) All males between the ages of 18 and 60 residing in Iran; and
- (2) All immigrant visa applicants who have lived in the United States for six months or more.

## **Post Issuance Check VISAS EAGLE Name Check Requests**

*(TL:VISA-287; 05-29-2001)*

In lieu of the VISAS EAGLE procedure described above, a post-issuance VISAS EAGLE cable may be submitted for the following categories of Iranian nonimmigrant visa applicants. Upon finding such categories of applicants eligible, posts may issue the visa as soon as the cable has been sent:

(1) Medical personnel (doctors, nurses and midwives) in private practice (i.e., not employed by a ministry, university or large state hospital); and

(2) Primary and secondary school teachers.

A post-issuance VISAS EAGLE clearance remains valid for one year from the date of issuance. The initial visa issued and all subsequent visas issued during that year must be annotated with the date and cable number of the most recent post-issuance VISAS EAGLE cable.

Iranian visa applicants who do not fall into any of the above categories for VISAS BEAR, DONKEY, DONKEY MANTIS or EAGLE special clearance procedures may be processed to conclusion by posts without a telegraphic clearance request to the Department.

## **DOCUMENTS AND RECORDS**

### **Police Record**

*(TL:VISA-91; 08-01-1994)*

Unavailable.

### **Prison Record**

*(TL:VISA-91; 8-1-94)*

Unavailable.

### **Military Record**

*(TL:VISA-91; 08-01-1994)*

Unavailable.

## **Birth Certificate**

(TL:VISA-91; 08-01-1994)

Unavailable. [See Other Records.]

## **Marriage and Divorce Certificates**

(TL:VISA-174; 01-12-1998)

Available. The Eiarech Ommor Asnad (Bureau of Affairs concerning documents) in the Ministry of Justice assigns notary publics (Daftare Asnade Rasmy) to register divorces and marriages for Moslems and communicants of recognized minority religions (Christian, Jewish, Zoroastrian).

In Tehran, each church of a minority religion has several notaries assigned to it for this purpose, while there are at least one hundred assigned to record Moslem marriages and divorces. The Bureau maintains a record of the location, name, number, specimen of signature, and seal of each notary who is expected periodically to advise the Bureau of the number of marriages and divorces that have been registered. Copies of certificates containing the Bureau's authentication of the notary's signature can be obtained if the name and number of the notary public registering the marriage or divorce are known. Since the practice of officially registering marriages and divorces under this procedure was initiated in approximately 1930, certificates for marriages and divorces prior to that year can be obtained only from ecclesiastical authorities and are rarely available.

Divorces are handled by the Dadgah Hemayate Khanevadeh (Family Protection Court) of the Ministry of Justice. If this court determines that the couple cannot reside together successfully, it issues a Madrak Adam Sazesh (Certificate of Incompatibility). This document is then presented to the Marriage and Divorce Bureau, which issues the actual divorce decree. Marriage and divorce certificates can only be obtained by the individuals to whom they pertain.

## **Other Records**

(TL:VISA-174; 01-12-1998)

Available. Identity certificates (Shenasnameh) showing the date and place of birth, parents' names, place of residence, and marital history, where appropriate, are issued to Iranian nationals in urban centers by the Department of National Registration and Statistics (Edareh Sabt Ahval va Omar) and in rural regions by district (Bakhsh) offices of the Department. These are accepted by the U.S. Embassy in lieu of birth certificates for visa purposes. Information contained in these certificates must be evaluated with the understanding that certain data, particularly dates and places, may

be inaccurate. No official fee is charged for delivering documents to the applicants. When these documents are requested from abroad, an indefinite waiting period should be expected before a reply is received.

Birth or baptismal certificates emanating from ecclesiastic authorities of the church to which non-Moslem applicants belong are frequently of doubtful value. Moslem ecclesiastic authorities in Iran issue no documents to visa applicants.

## **VISA ISSUING POST**

*(TL:VISA-233; 01-30-2001)*

Immigrant visas for nationals of Iran are processed at the following U.S. consular offices.

### **POST**

Abu Dhabi  
Ankara  
Frankfurt

Naples  
Vienna

### **COUNTRY**

United Arab Emirates  
Turkey  
Germany (Family-based  
applicants only).  
Italy  
Austria